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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH GONZALEZ GALVEZ

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1. EMBOFFS MET WITH SRE DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF OF INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ (GG) AND
STAFF MEMBERS CALDERON AND DEL CUETO ON AUGUST 17 TO
FOLLOW-UP ON TOPICS LEFT PENDING AS A RESULT OF THE
VISIT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING
UNGA. KEY TOPICS COVERED INCLUDED HUMAN RIGHTS, REGIONAL
NUCLEAR ENERGY ORGANIZATIONS, CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. OTHER
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TOPICS WILL BE COVERED SEPTELS.

2. IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS, GONZALEZ GALVEZ CLARIFIED
THAT HIS EMPHASIS DURING THE WORKING LUNCH WITH THE
YOUNG PARTY ON AUG 7 WAS ON THE QUESTION OF SIGNING THE
INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (SAN JOSE PACT),
NOT REPEAT NOT THE COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL FOR A UN HIGH

COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (REFTEL A). GG WAS AWARE THAT AMBASSADOR LUCEY HAD ALREADY MADE A DEMARCHE TO FONSEC ROEL ON MEXICO'S SIGNING AND RATIFYING THE SAN JOSE PACT, BUT SAID THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT AN INDEFINITE WAIT BEFORE MEXICO WOULD SIGN THIS CONVENTION. GG WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT SRE'S LEGAL OFFICE HAS 20 PAGES OF REASONS WHY MEXICO COULD NOT SIGN THE CONVENTION, WHICH HE REPEATED WAS BADLY DRAFTED, MOST OF THE OBJECTIONS CENTERING AROUND THE CREATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COURT WHICH HE CLAIMS COULD CHALLENGE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF MEXICO. HE PREDICTED THAT THERE WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH RATIFICATIONS TO BRING THE TREATY INTO EFFECT, AND THAT INDEED THE CONVENTION WAS WRITTEN WITH THE FOREKNOWLEDGE THAT IT WOULD NEVER GO INTO EFFECT. COMMENTING BRIEFLY ON THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL, GG ALSO DESCRIBED THAT AS A "NON-STARTER."

3. ON THE DOMESTIC HUMAN RIGHTS SCENE, EMBOFFS QUESTIONED GG ON HIS PREVIOUS REFERENCES TO MEXICO'S INTEREST IN THE "AUSTRALIAN MODEL" FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN TO DEAL WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (HE HAD MENTIONED THE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES AND ALSO TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG, BUT WITHOUT MUCH ELABORATION.) GG IS DRAWING UP A PROJECT FOR SOME KIND OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY IN MEXICO AND SAID HE IS PLANNING ON MEETING WITH AN AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL IN OCTOBER
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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR MECHANISM. FYI: AUSTRALIA HAS ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND MR. JUSTICE STAPLES IS VISITING EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA TO COLLECT IDEAS ON HOW THE COMMISSION SHOULD FUNCTION. ALTHOUGH HE WAS SCHEDULED TO STOP IN MEXICO IN OCTOBER, THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT STAPLES WILL STAY IN NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA AND WILL PROBABLY NOT VISIT MEXICO UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

4. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFFS' ATTEMPTS AT CLARIFICATION BASED ON REFTEL B., GG ONCE AGAIN MADE A PUSH FOR US SUPPORT IN STRENGTHENING OPANAL BY GIVING IT AN ACTIVE ROLE IN REGIONAL PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND SUBSEQUENTLY REDUCING THE ROLE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (IANEC) IN THIS AREA. GG INSISTED THAT MEXICO AND THE US WERE IN AGREEMENT IN GRENADA (OASGA) ON THE REDUCTION OF BUDGET FOR THE IANEC AND THAT MEXICO HAS SUPPORT (VAGUELY IDENTIFIED) FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF OPANAL'S ROLE. HE REFERRED TO THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT MEXICO RECEIVED FOR ITS RESOLUTION IN THE OPANAL MEETING IN CARACAS IN APRIL CALLING FOR A SURVEY OF THE NEEDS OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN THE REGION AND A STUDY OF OPANAL'S POTENTIAL ROLE. GG STATED THAT IT IS "URGENT"

THAT A DECISION BE REACHED WITHIN SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. EMBOFFS REQUESTED FURTHER SPECIFICS IN WRITING FROM GG, STATING THAT OUR INFO AND GG'S DID NOT APPEAR CONSISTENT. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT FORWARDING ADDITIONAL INFO ON IANEC AND USG'S ANALYSES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BOTH THE CARACAS MEETING AND THE IANEC MEETING IN LIMA.

5. ON CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT, GG STATED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REQUEST, MEXICO IS GOING TO STUDY WAYS TO INCREASE COOPERATION WITH THE CARIBBEAN. HE COMMENTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG EN ROUTE TO AIRPORT AUGUST 8 THE SUITABILITY OF USING THE UNDP SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMS AS A VEHICLE FOR INCREASED AID TO THE CARIBBEAN. HE REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF
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AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND REMINDED THAT MEXICO HAS DEVELOPED GOOD PRE-FAB SCHOOLS THAT COULD BE MADE PART OF SUCH A PROGRAM. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT MEXICO IS ALREADY HELPING JAMAICA WITH A BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM. GG ALSO STATED THAT ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT HE HAD DISCUSSED AGAIN WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG THE POSSIBILITY OF US ASSISTANCE TO NAMUCAR (CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL FLEET) WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND DEVELOPING VERY SLOWLY. HE ADDED THAT ONLY MEXICO HAS SUFFICIENT MARITIME SERVICE TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO NAMUCAR AND THAT IS ONE REASON WHY MEXICO RECENTLY GRANTED A \$14 MILLION LOAN TO JAMAICA'S MARITIME FLEET (REFTEL C). HE REITERATED HIS SUGGESTION THAT THE US CONSIDER NAMUCAR AS MULTILATERAL CHANNEL OF AID TO THE CARIBBEAN.

6. AFTER A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE US POSITION ON THE UN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, GG STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY RECOGNIZED THE BENEFITS FOR HAVING SUCH A CONFERENCE IN THE US, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WOULD INVOLVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH OWNS MOST OF THE TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, GG STATED THAT THE GOM HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MEXICO. EMBOFFS SAID THAT US STILL HAD ITS BID FOR THE CONFERENCE ON THE TABLE, BUT DID NOT INTEND TO PUSH ITS OFFER TO THE POINT OF DIVISIVENESS (REFTEL D).

7. COMMENTS ON MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UNGA AND ON THE BELIZE SITUATION REPORTED IN SEPTELS. THOMPSON
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